JUNI TAISEN: ZODIAC WAR

- The Zodiac War is held every twelve years.
- Twelve fierce warriors take on the names of the Zodiac.
- The twelve warriors each possess unique superpowers.
- The sole victor will be granted any single wish

The Fighter of the Snake

Tatsumi Brother, the Younger

Kills for Money

The Fighter of the Dragon

Tatsumi Brother, the Elder

Kills for Money

The Fighter of the Rabbit

Usagi

Kills with Deception Known as manticis

The Fighter of the Tiger

Tora

Kills with Drunken

The Fighter of the Ox

Ushii

Save [illegible]

The Fighter of the Rat

Nezumi

Kills Inexcusable

The Fighter of the Boar

Inoshishi

The Fighter of the Dog

Dotsuku

The Fighter of the Chicken

Niwatori

The Fighter of the Monkey

Sharyū

Kills by Beam

The Fighter of the Sheep

Hitsuji

Kills with Deception

The Fighter of the Horse

Uma

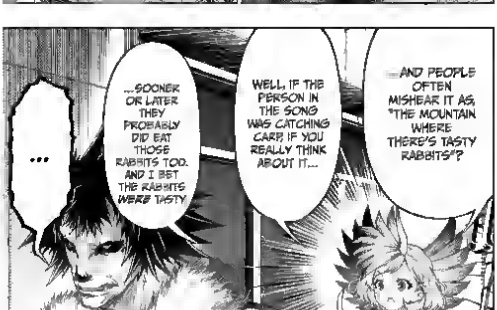
Kills in Silence

ALL RIGHT, DOTSUKU-SAN!
WE CAN DO THIS! WE'RE GONNA MAKE IT ALL THE WAY TO THE END!
WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER NOW.

THAT WE ARE.
WE SHOULD START BY EXCHANGING WHAT WE KNOW.
WE'RE ONLY IN THIS TOGETHER UNTIL WE FIGHT, RAIHA!
I'LL USE HER FOR ALL SHE'S WORTH...
AND THEN KILL HER WHEN SHE'S NO LONGER USEFUL TO ME

BRING OUT YOUR TRUE STRENGTH...
...IF YOU WANT TO WIN!

YOU KNOW THAT SONG "FURUSATO," RIGHT?
HOW IT STARTS OUT WITH THE LYRICS, "THE MOUNTAIN WHERE I CHASED RABBITS, THE RIVER WHERE I FISHED SMALL CARP"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...SOONER OR LATER THEY PROBABLY DID EAT THOSE RABBITS TOO. AND I BET THE RABBITS *WERE* TASTY
WELL, IF THE PERSON IN THE SONG WAS CATCHING CARP, IF YOU REALLY THINK ABOUT IT...
...AND PEOPLE OFTEN MISHEAR IT AS, "THE MOUNTAIN WHERE THERE'S TASTY RABBITS"?

I KNOW FIVE OF THE FIGHTERS...
OX, DRAGON, SNAKE, MONKEY AND BOAR.
SINCE I'M GOING TO KILL HER ANYWAY
...IT WON'T HURT IF I TELL HER SOME REAL INFORMATION

THE MOST DANGEROUS IS OX
HOW CAN I PUT IT? HE'S INCOMPREHENSIBLY STRONG
PEOPLE CALL HIM THE NATURAL-BORN SLAYER
NO ONE HAS EVER STOOD ON A BATTLEFIELD AGAINST HIM AND SURVIVED TO TELL ABOUT IT.

THE NATURAL-BORN SLAYER?
THAT'S RIGHT. AGAINST A FIGHTER LIKE YOU. WELL.
IF YOU STUMBLE ACROSS HIM, I SUGGEST YOU RUN.

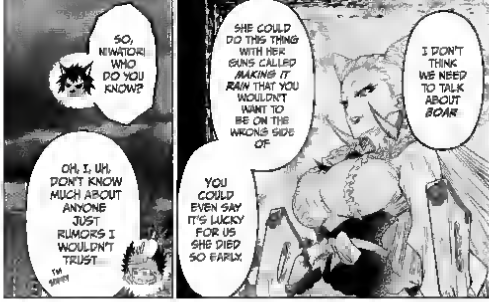
...BUT ONE IS ALREADY DEAD, AND THE OTHER'S NOT HALF AS TOUGH ON HIS OWN.
THE TWINS MADE FOR A HELL OF A TEAM TOGETHER...
AS FOR THE TATSUMI BROTHERS— THAT'S DRAGON AND SNAKE.

HER PEACE TREATIES HAVE BROUGHT MANY A WAR TO A CEASE-FIRE
NOW, MONKEY... YOU SAW HOW SHE IS. SHE'S A PACIFIST— A REAL BLEEDING HEART.

...
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT'S POSSI-BLE?

BUT...
OF COURSE NOT
IF IT'S HER, JUST MAYBE... IT MIGHT BE

I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF SHE'S PARTICIPAT-ING IN THE ZODIAC WAR...
TO MERCS LIKE US, SHE'S BAD FOR BUSINESS
...BECAUSE SHE THINKS SHE CAN END IT.


I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT BOAR.
SHE COULD DO THIS THING WITH HER GUNS CALLED MAKING IT RAIN THAT YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO BE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF.
YOU COULD EVEN SAY IT'S LUCKY FOR US SHE DIED SO EARLY.
SO, NIWATORI WHO DO YOU KNOW?
OH, I, UH, DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT ANYONE JUST RUMORS I WOULDN'T TRUST.
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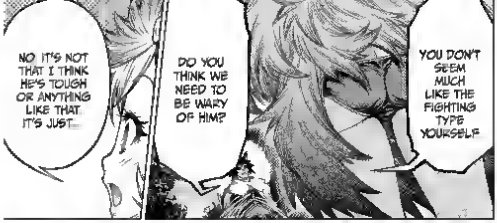
OH! BUT, DOTSUKU-SAN...
DON'T YOU WONDER ABOUT THAT BOY?
WHO DO YOU MEAN, THAT BOY?

THE SLEEPY ONE YOU KNOW, THE ONE WHO KEPT DOZING OFF?
HE DIDN'T SEEM LIKE THE FIGHTING TYPE...
HE CAN'T BE TOO MUCH OLDER THAN FIFTEEN, RIGHT?


NO, IT'S NOT THAT I THINK HE'S TOUGH OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. IT'S JUST...
DO YOU THINK WE NEED TO BE WARY OF HIM?
YOU DON'T SEEM MUCH LIKE THE FIGHTING TYPE YOURSELF

I DO.
NOW THAT SHE MENTIONS IT...

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...I FEEL LIKE I'VE SEEN HIM BEFORE DON'T YOU?

WERE WE ALLIES OR ENEMIES?
HAVE WE SHARED A BATTLE-FIELD?

WHAT!?

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OH, DOTSUKU-SAN, THIS IS BAD!
RABBIT'S TEAM HAS SPLIT IN TWO!!
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YOU SAID THAT BOAR SPLIT OFF FROM THE OTHERS? SHE'S ALONE?
Y-YES
AND SHE'S JUST DOWN THAT STREET
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THERE SHE IS!
IT'S BOAR'S CORPSE !!

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HUH. SO SHE REALLY IS THE WALKING DEAD.
NOT THAT I DOUBTED YOU, NIWATORI.
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE OUR NECRO-MANTICIST IS THE REAL DEAL.

HE'S NOT EVEN TRYING TO HIDE THE FACT THAT SHE'S UNDEAD...
BUT WHY WOULD HE SEND BOAR OFF ON HER OWN LIKE THIS?

NIWATORI, GIVE ME YOUR ARM.
IN THAT CASE, IT MIGHT BE TIME TO PUT HER TO USE
...A TRAP?
IS THIS...

BDMP!
BDMP!
BDMP!
BDMP!

EEEEEEEK!
W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO ME?!
WAIT... WHAT'S GOING ON?
IT DOESN'T HURT...

I INJECTED YOU WITH AN ANESTHETIC ALONG WITH THE REST OF IT.
HOW DO YOU FEEL?

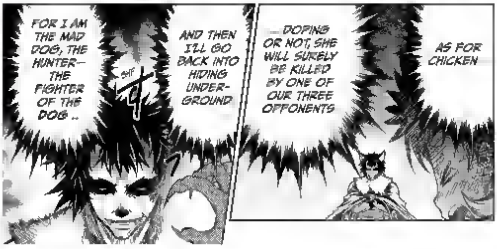
H-HOW DO I FEEL?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU DID TO ME
JUST A LITTLE PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT

IT'S A KIND OF DOPING DRUG--NOT ALL POISONS ARE DEADLY IT DRAWS OUT ITS USER'S LATENT POTENTIAL TO THE ABSOLUTE LIMIT
IT'S MY ACE IN THE HOLE

I CALL IT THE ONE MAN ARMY.
STAY CALM. ALL I DID WAS UNLOCK POWER YOU ALREADY POSSESSED.
CONTROL IT.
STEADY YOURSELF
WHAT...
OOOOH!!
WHAT IS THIS?!

I'LL SEND HER OUT TO FIGHT SOAR ALONE.
NOW THAT SHE'S BEEN POWERED UP...
I DON'T CARE WHO WINS...
HUH?

THEN I'LL BE THE ONE AMBUSHING THEM. MY POISON FANGS WILL MAKE SHORT WORK OF THEM.
I JUST NEED THE BATTLE TO LAST LONG ENOUGH TO DRAW OUT RABBIT AND SNAKE.


FOR I AM THE MAD DOG; THE HUNTER— THE FIGHTER OF THE DOG..
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AND THEN I'LL GO BACK INTO HIDING UNDER-GROUND
...DOPING OR NOT, SHE WILL SURELY BE KILLED BY ONE OF OUR THREE OPPONENTS
AS FOR CHICKEN

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DOTSUKU
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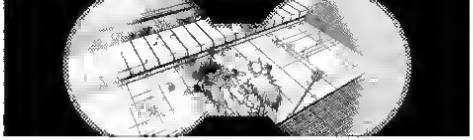
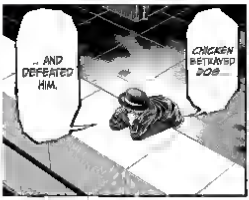
GRUNCH

I FINALLY GOT THAT BOOST
BUT IT'S DONE NOW.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT TOOK SO LONG.
UGH...

... ACTUALLY, I KNEW ABOUT YOU
ABOUT YOUR POWERS AND EVERYTHING.
DOTSUKU-SAN, I KNOW I *TOLD* YOU I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE OTHERS, BUT




... AND DEFEATED HIM.
CHICKEN BETRAYED DOB...

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THERE IT IS!

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SHE'LL DO ANYTHING IN THE NAME OF SELF-PRESERVATION.
SHE MAY NOT BE STRONG, BUT SHE'S DETERMINED.
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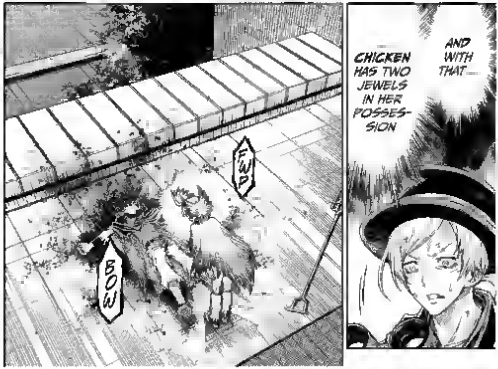
AND WITH THAT—
CHICKEN HAS TWO JEWELS IN HER POSSESSION
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THANK YOU, DOTSUKU.
BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU'VE DONE...
...THERE'S NOW A CHANCE I CAN WIN THIS!
BUT WAIT!
HMM...?
WHAT DID YOUR FACE LOOK LIKE AGAIN?
...
AND IF I DO...
...I'LL ERECT A STATUE IN YOUR HONOR. I PROMISE YOU

...

OKAY THEN.
MEN AREN'T ABOUT THEIR FACES ANYWAY
OH WELL! AS LONG AS THE STATUE HAS FANGS, IT'LL BE GOOD ENOUGH!

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ON TO THE NEXT ONE!
HERE I COME !!